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RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Applicant appreciates the issuance of the Notice of Allowance with the accompanying statement of the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

However, this is a disavowal of any acquiescence in any particular claim interpretation that might be attributed to the examiner in the reason for allowance. Claim interpretation is established as a matter of law by the courts during appropriate adversarial proceedings. Any comment made by the examiner is not necessarily shared by applicant. Applicants does not waive any right to establish any claim interpretation, albeit different or even contrary to the examiner's interpretation, that can be supported by the record in this matter.

Moreover, while applicant believes at least the allowed claims are allowable at least for the reasons of record, there might be other bases for allowability not yet fully explored or established. The reason for allowance sets forth only one view expressed by the examiner.

Further, although not mentioned in the examiner's reasons for allowance or the Notice of Allowability, it is assumed that the examiner has withdrawn the restriction requirement and rejoined all claims so that all claims will issue together in the same granted patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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